

2008 NORTH CAROLINA RECREATIONAL COASTAL WATERS GUIDE FOR SPORTS FISHERMEN October version

****IMPORTANT** CHECK WITH DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES FOR MOST CURRENT MINIMUM LENGTHS AND CREEL LIMITS.
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	STATE COASTAL WATERS (Internal & 0-3 miles)		EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE-EEZ (3-200 miles) EEZ restrictions noted in <i>italic</i> are Federal Rules	
FINFISH SPECIES (note symbols)	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (per person)	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (per person)
Greater Amberjack	28" FL	1/Day	28" <i>FL</i>	1/Day
Bluefish		15/Day, only 5 greater than 24" TL		15/Day
Cobia	33" FL	2/Day	33" <i>FL</i>	2/Day
Wahoo		2/Day		2/Day
Dolphin (B)		10/Day		10/Day
King Mackerel (J)	24" FL	3/Day	24" <i>FL</i>	3/Day
Spanish Mackerel (J)	12" FL	15/Day	12" <i>FL</i>	15/Day
Tuna; Bluefin, Yellowfin and Bigeye (J) (H)	Yellowfin 27" CFL Bigeye 27" CFL	Yellowfin 3/person/day	Yellowfin tuna 27" <i>Curved FL</i>	Yellowfin tuna bag limit 3 per person per day
Sharks (excluding spiny & smooth dogfish)(J)	(L)		54" <i>FL (F & H)</i>	1/Vessel/Day
Sharks, Atlantic Sharpnose & Bonnethead (J & F)	(L)		(F & H)	1/Day
Blue Marlin (H)	99" LJFL	1 per vessel per trip, either blue marlin or white marlin	99" LJFL	
White Marlin (H)	66" LJFL		66" LJFL	
Sailfish (H)	63" LJFL	1/Day	63" LJFL	
Red Drum (channel bass, puppy drum)	18" – 27" TL (D)	1/Day	UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS	
Flounder (Internal)	14" TL Western Albemarle and Pamlico sounds and rivers and south of Brown's Inlet 15½" TL Eastern Albemarle, Croatan, Roanoke, Pamlico, Core and Bogue sounds (P)	8/Day		
Flounder (Ocean)	15½" TL north of Brown's Inlet 14" TL south of Brown's Inlet (P)	8/Day	15½" TL north of Brown's Inlet 14" TL south of Brown's Inlet (P)	8/Day
Spotted Seatrout (Speckled)	12" TL	10/Day	12" TL	10/Day
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	12" TL	6/Day	12" TL	6/Day
Tarpon		1/Day		1/Day
Striped Bass	(A)	(A)	UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS	
American and Hickory Shad (M)		10/Day		10/Day
Alewife and Blueback Herring (M)		NO HARVEST		NO HARVEST
American Eel	6" TL	50/Day	6" TL	50/Day
Scup (North of Cape Hatteras)	8" TL	50/Day	10" <i>TL</i>	50/Day (E)
Black Sea Bass (North of Cape Hatteras) (C)	12" TL	25/Day	12" <i>TL</i>	25/Day
Black Sea Bass (South of Cape Hatteras)	12" TL	15/Day	12" <i>TL</i>	15/Day
Groupers (K & J)		5/Day (all groupers combined; includes only 1 speckled hind, 1 warsaw, 1 golden tilefish, 1 snowy, and no more than 2 black or gag grouper, individual or combined) (K) 2/Day 1/Vessel/Trip 1/Vessel/Trip		5/Day (all groupers combined; includes tilefish, only 1 speckled hind, 1 warsaw, 1 snowy, 1 golden tilefish, and no more than 2 black or gag grouper, individual or combined) (K) 2/Day 1/Vessel/ Trip 1/Vessel/Trip
Red, Scamp, Yellowfiin & Yellowmouth Groupers	20" TL		20" <i>TL</i>	
Black and Gag Groupers	24" TL		24" <i>TL</i>	
Speckled Hind (Kitty Mitchell)				
Warsaw Grouper				
Red Porgy (Silver Snapper, pinky)	14" TL	3/Day	14" <i>TL</i>	3/Day
Dog, Gray, Cubera, Mahogany, Queen, Schoolmaster & Yellowtail Snappers		10/Day (species combined; includes up to 2 red snapper) 2/Day	12" <i>TL</i>	10/Day (species combined; includes up to 2 red snapper)
Mutton Snapper			16" <i>TL</i>	
Silk & Blackfin Snappers	12" TL		12" <i>TL</i>	
Red Snapper	20" TL		20" <i>TL</i>	
Vermilion Snapper	12" TL	10/Day	12" <i>TL</i>	10/Day